

TOWN OF HERNDON, VIRGINIA

ORDINANCE

SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

**Ordinance-** to amend and reenact Chapter 74 (Utilities), Article III (Water), Division 3 (Connection to Water Mains), and Article II (Sewers and Sewage Disposal), Division 5 (Sanitary Sewer System Rates and Charges) of the Herndon Town Code, to revise sewer and water availability and connection charges.

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council for the Town of Herndon that:

1. The following sections or provision of the Herndon Town Code (2000), as amended, are amended and re-ordained as follows:

**Sec. 74-268. - Sewer availability and connection charges.**

(a) ~~Availability charges. Any person who hereafter effects any connection to the sanitary sewer facilities of the town must pay or cause to be paid to the town those charges for the availability of such facilities set forth as follows:~~

(1) ~~Availability charges for connections for residential purposes:~~

a. ~~Single family detached dwellings, and single family semi-detached and single family attached dwellings, including townhouses, duplexes, multiplexes, semi-detached rowhouses, garden court and patio houses, with separate water service line meters, per dwelling ..... \$7,490.00~~

b. ~~Lodginghouses or boardinghouses, hotels, motels, inns, tourist cabins, nursing homes, and nonprofit or commercial homes for the elderly, per each master water service line meter ..... 7,490.00~~

~~Plus, per rental unit ..... 1,874.00~~

c. ~~All other residential uses, per dwelling unit ..... 5,987.00~~

(2) ~~All other uses. There is hereby established the following availability charges for all other uses based upon the number of drainage fixture units (D.F.U.), including roughed in fixture units, in accordance with Table 1. A drainage fixture unit is a measure of the probable discharge into the drainage system by various types of plumbing fixtures. using standards of the engineering profession, the Director of Public Works shall determine as necessary in writing the drainage fixture unit of any plumbing fixture. The availability charge will be assessed for each D.F.U. served by an individual water meter with a charge of \$388.00 per D.F.U. A minimum of~~



~~\$7,760.00 is established for each premise, which is equivalent to a charge for 20 D.F.U. A premise is an individual business or activity served by an individual water meter. Fixture unit count for uses having fixtures discharging continuously or substantially continuously to a sanitary sewer system shall be increased by two fixture units for each gallon per minute of continuous or substantially continuous discharge. The rate of such discharge shall be determined by the rate established by the manufacturer of the fixture or equipment or such other method as the building official shall determine, using standards of the trade.~~

- (a) Availability charges. Every sewer service applicant shall pay an availability charge for sewer service furnished through any service connection to a sewer main. This charge shall be paid at the issuance of the building permit and is to be paid as follows:

Type of premises

Single-family residential (individually metered, meter size 5/8 inch) ..... \$10,800

Single-family residential (individually metered, meter size greater than 5/8 inch- see commercial charge below)

Multifamily residential (master metered) each unit ..... \$8,640

Commercial, industrial, and institutional:

<u>Meter size (inches)</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Meter size (inches)</u>	<u>Charge</u>
<u>5/8</u>	<u>\$10,800</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>\$86,400</u>
<u>3/4</u>	<u>\$16,200</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>\$172,800</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>\$27,000</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>\$270,000</u>
<u>1 1/2</u>	<u>\$54,000</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>\$540,000</u>

Existing buildings. Existing buildings with building permits having been issued prior to October 1, 2017, with sewer availability fees based on a drainage fixture unit charge shall continue when necessary to have sewer availability charges computed under the standards as existed under the town ordinance upon the date of the issuance of the building permit, except where the capacity for water service is increased. When the water service capacity is increased, the sewer availability fee then shall be computed based on water meter size under subsection (a) of this section. Unless otherwise specified, the availability fee based on a drainage fixture unit charge shall be computed at \$540 per drainage fixture unit, using the following chart:

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**Sec. 74-358. - Water availability and connection charges.**

- (a) Availability charges. Every water service applicant shall pay an availability charge for water service furnished through any service connection to a water main. This charge shall be paid at the issuance of the building permit and is to be paid as follows:

Type of premises

Single-family residential (individually metered, meter size 5/8 inch).....~~\$4,863.00~~ 7,800

Single-family residential (individually metered, meter size greater than 5/8 inch-see commercial charge below)

Multifamily residential (master metered) each unit ..... ~~3,888.00~~ \$6,240

Commercial, industrial, and institutional:

Meter size (inches)	Charge	Meter size (inches)	Charge
5/8	<del>\$4,863.00</del> <u>\$7,800</u>	2	<del>\$38,904.00</del> <u>\$62,400</u>
3/4	<del>7,295.00</del> <u>\$11,700</u>	3	<del>72,945.00</del> <u>\$124,800</u>
1	<del>12,158.00</del> <u>\$19,500</u>	4	<del>121,575.00</del> <u>\$195,000</u>
1 1/2	<del>24,315.00</del> <u>\$39,000</u>	6	<del>243,150.00</del> <u>\$390,000</u>

Individually metered irrigation systems serving an individual community shall be charged only the availability charge per the table above. Commercial, industrial and institutional irrigation systems shall be charged \$25.00 per sprinkler head. This charge shall be in addition to any applicable availability fees for new connections. in addition to the availability fee for any new meter installed.

~~(1) A timer device be installed to limit activation time and to allow operation only during nonpeak hours. Peak hours shall be set by the director of public works.~~

~~(2) The system shall be designed and installed by a state-licensed contractor.~~



- (b) *Rules for setting availability charges.* The following rules shall be used in setting the availability charge:

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- (4) *Charge based on plans for building permit; ~~fixture count~~.* All availability charges shall be based on the plans submitted for the purpose of obtaining a building permit to the office of building inspections of the town. In multiuse structures each changed use or new use will require a new building permit and a recomputation and payment of availability fees prior to approval of any occupancy.

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2. This ordinance shall be effective on and after the date of its adoption.

**This is certified to be a true and accurate copy of Ordinance 17-O-19 adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Herndon on September 26, 2017.**

  
Amina Ait-Bella, Legislative Assistant

